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**AMENDMENT AFTER ADVISORY ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated December 8, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated March 7, 2005, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks. A request for a one-month extension of time and the fee for it accompany this paper. Please provide any additional extensions of time necessary and charge any additional fees which may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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